

ILLINOIS MEN START UNIQUE INDUSTRY

An O'possum Farm, First of Its Kind, Is Their Enterprise—Dream of Get Rich Quick

Take your hat off to Marion for starting something in the way of "big business" that has never been started in all the history of the world before—a 'possum farm. A company is now being formed here for the purpose of developing such a project and though the announcement will likely be met with ridicule from those who have not looked into the possibilities of such an industry, the organizers are enthusiastic in the project for they see "scads of cash" in it.

Already seventy men, all among the most successful men of finance in this section, have already joined the company and have subscribed stock. Of the sixty shares to be sold forty-seven have been subscribed. As soon as the remaining have been sold, steps towards a permanent organization of the company will be started.

Rolla Holland has been selected as treasurer for the time being and will likely be elected to that office in the permanent organization. Frank Miles, at the head of the Miles Feed Store, is the organizer. It is likely he will be elected president. Others in the company are: J. M. Jent, T. J. Lindsey, Marion Tippy and Alf Grant.

The purpose of the company is to make money raising opossums. They plan to purchase five acres of land that is now a part of the Washburn farm, southwest of here, and on which some fine natural springs are located. The stock in the company is being sold at \$10 a share and the capital stock will be \$600. The company will ask for a charter under the Illinois State laws.

The company plans to make \$98,750 in three years. Upon making this amount it will likely go out of the 'possum growing business and start a bank. Plans covering more than the next three years haven't been worked out, however.

The land on which their farm will be established will cost them \$250. They plan to fence it thoroughly with small mesh wire, allowing it to extend down in the ground for about three feet to prevent the 'possums from burrowing out. They plan to start off with one hundred female 'possums and five males and from this stock expect to realize at the end of three years, the total profit of \$98,750.

Once established the maintenance will be next to nothing and the company's money will begin to grow from the first at the rate of ten-fold per every now and then. The 'possums will be fed on what people throw away, their feed being slop from the city here, offal, etc., from the slaughter pens and dead horses and dogs, etc., taken from this city. A cheap man will be hired of course to haul "grub" out to the farm.

The company argues that figures will not lie and that they can't keep from making \$98,750 during three years. Their plan of working the business end of the project as based on the supposition that mother 'possums will bear little 'possums while in captivity at the same rate they do while in the wild state, which is ten a year. Thus at the end of the first year they expect to have 1,000 new

'possums, or 1,105 in all. Half of the young ones will be males and this will give the company 500 young 'possums for the market, leaving 600 females and five males left for breeding purposes at the beginning of the second year. The 500 males that are marketed will bring \$1,150, the hides being worth \$2.00 per, and the carcasses, for eating purposes, fifty cents each.

At the beginning of the second year the \$1,250 realized by the sale of the 500 young males will be put in the bank and the company will sit by and watch the 605 'possums that are left in the pen, grow to 6,605, which will be the result of each of the 600 females raising ten little ones each. Then the 3,000 young males will be marketed with the result that the company will put \$7,500 in the bank at the end of the second year, and will have 3,600 females and five males to start the season's breeding on. At the end of this, the third season, the company will have 39,605 'possums, old and young, males and females, altogether. Then the entire lot will be marketed and from the big sale the company will realize \$2,500 per 'possum, or \$99,012.50. After having paid for labor, etc., the company will have left the sum of \$98,750, and the five acres of land.—*Egyptian Press, Marion, Ill.*

Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up.

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N. Y., writes: "I first used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy about eight years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of the good I received through using this medicine, and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms." Obtainable everywhere. (adv.)

A CORRECTION

Mr. Whaley is a very light sleeper, one who is easily awakened and is a long time getting to sleep.

One night recently, while traveling through New York State, he was obliged to stop at a suburban hotel, and, after much tossing about, he finally succeeded in getting into a sound sleep. In answer to loud, repeated knocks on his door, he nervously sat bolt upright in bed.

"What's wanted?" he grumbled. "Package down stairs for you, sir." "Well, let it stay there; it can wait till morning, I suppose."

The boy shuffled down the corridor, and after a long time the guest fell into a sound sleep again. Then another knock came at the door.

"Well, what's up now?" queried Mr. Whaley. "Taint for you, that package!"—Judge.

The Gift of It.

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask anyone who has used it. Obtainable everywhere. (adv.)

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A HOPELESS VERDICT

The late Peter A. B. Widener, the Philadelphia capitalist and collector, was remarkable for his elegance of dress and incisiveness of speech.

At a dinner at his suburban residence at the beginning of the war, Mr. Widener said:

"Some blame Germany and some blame the Allies for this war, but it's my belief that everybody's to blame. Yes, all are to blame—all the people are to blame for consenting to be governed by men stupid enough ever to consider for an instant such a thing as war in days like these."

"Before Germany and the Allies, then, I'm with the Chinaman."

"Two ugly men were arguing about which was the uglier, when they met a Chinaman. They agreed to let him be the judge between them. So they laid the case before him in simple English and then they posed and waited."

"The Chinaman took a long time to come to a decision. He considered the two men from every angle. Finally he gave his verdict in calm tones:

"Both are worse," he said."—Washington Star.

"Would your wife vote for you as a candidate for office?"

"I don't think there's any use of bothering my head about that," replied Mr. Meekton. "I don't believe Henrietta would let me run in the first place."—Washington Star.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

This paper wants a good, live, energetic correspondent from each school district in St. Francois county, to send in good local news from each community each week. We will be glad to pay well for service rendered. For further information, call on or address

A. W. BRADSHAW,
Editor The Farmington Times.

TRUSTEES' SALE

Whereas Julius Link and Lulu Link, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 15th day of March, 1915, and recorded in the Recorder's office of St. Francois County, Missouri, in book 95 at page 440, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate, and all improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of our right, title and interest in and to the lease, together with the houses and all improvements on that piece of ground known as lot two (2), block two (2), situated on the west side of Flat River, as shown on a plat of the Crawley-Farm, Flat River, Missouri.

Which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described; and whereas, by the terms of said deed of trust said note is now past due and unpaid, now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust, I, the undersigned trustee, will

On Saturday, February 12, 1916, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the south front door of the Court House, in the City of Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for the purpose of partition, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and also the North half of the Northwest Quarter of Section No. 20, Township No. 38, Range 6 East in St. Francois County, Missouri, containing 120 acres.

Terms of Sale—Twenty per cent. cash and the balance of the purchase price to be paid in six months to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from date of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

J. C. WILLIAMS,
Sheriff of St. Francois County.
First insertion Jan. 7, 1916.

SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION

Eliza Morris and Sarah E. Nations, Plaintiffs, vs. J. David Pinkston and Artemisia Byington, Defendants.

In obedience to a decree of partition of the Circuit Court of St. Francois County, Missouri, made at the November term of said court for 1915, on Thursday, December 9, 1915, the same being the 26th day of said November term, in the above entitled cause, and certified to me as Sheriff of said St. Francois County by the Clerk of said Circuit Court, I, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, will, on

Tuesday, February 15, 1916, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the south front door of the Court House, in the City of Farmington in said county of St. Francois, Missouri, and during the session of the Circuit Court of said County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for the purpose of partition, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit:

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SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE

Whereas Joseph Jones and Ella Jones, his wife, by their certain Mortgage Deed, dated July 11th, 1913, and recorded in the Recorder's office of St. Francois County, in Record Book 37, at page 254, conveyed to the County of St. Francois, for the use and benefit of the Capital School Fund, the following described Lot, Tract or Parcel of land, lying, being and situate in the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Five (5) East, containing 40 acres.

Which said conveyance was made to secure the payment of a certain bond in said Mortgage Deed described; and whereas said Mortgage Deed provides that in the default of the payment of the said bond and the interest due thereon when the same shall be come due and payable according to the tenor and effect of said bond, the said County of St. Francois, by its Sheriff, may proceed to advertise and sell the said real estate, or so much thereof, as may be necessary to satisfy said bond, interest and costs of this execution; and whereas default has been made in the payment of said bond according to the terms thereof, and whereas said bond is now due and unpaid, now therefore I, J. C. Williams, the undersigned Sheriff of said St. Francois County, by virtue and authority of an order of the County Court of said St. Francois County, made the 6th day of January, 1916, at the January term thereof of said Court, will on

Monday, February 7th, 1916, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the south front door of the Court House in the City of Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri, and during the February term and session of the said County Court, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, all the right, title, interest, claim and estate of the above named Joseph Jones and Ella Jones, his wife, of, in and to the above described real estate, to satisfy said Mortgage Bond and costs.

J. C. WILLIAMS, Sheriff of St. Francois County.
1st insertion, Jan. 14, 1916.

SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION

Lillie Lolumondier and Clarence Lolumondier, Plaintiffs, vs. Annie Aubuchon, widow of Theodore Aubuchon, now deceased, Ella Aubuchon, Francis Aubuchon and Mattie Aubuchon his wife, Mary Presnell and G. W. Presnell her husband, Julia Bequette and Gus Bequette her husband, Inez Rowe and Arthur Rowe her husband, Theresa Aubuchon, Lydia Aubuchon and Joseph Aubuchon her husband, and Earl Aubuchon, a minor, Defendants.

In obedience to a decree of partition in the above entitled cause, made at the May term of the Circuit Court of St. Francois County, Missouri, for 1915, on Wednesday, May 27th, 1915, the same being the 14th day of said term, and affirmed and rendered at the November term of said court for 1915, and certified to me as Sheriff of said St. Francois County by the Clerk of said Circuit Court, I, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, will, on

Saturday, February 26, 1916, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the south front door of the Court House, in the City of Farmington, in said St. Francois County, Missouri, and during the session of the Circuit Court of said County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for the purpose of partition, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit:

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in the South line of said tract, from which a post oak 24 inches in diameter, bears South 47 1-2 degrees W. 25 22 links; thence S. 83 degrees E. 15 15 97-100 chains to a stake from which a walnut 10 inches in diameter bears North 44 degrees E. 72 links; and a black oak 24 inches in diameter bears North 66 degrees W. 41 links; thence North 7 degrees E. 25 22-100 chains to a stake in the North line of said said Pinkston tract from which a black oak 6 inches in diameter bears S. 12 12 degrees W. 27 links, and a black oak 4 inches in diameter bears S. 39 39 degrees E. 38 links; thence North 83 degrees W. 15 93-100 chains to the beginning, containing 40 25-100 acres.

Terms of Sale—The sum of \$31-48 1-3 per cent to be paid in cash and the balance within one year, and to be secured by note and deed of trust on said property, said note to bear six per cent. interest from date of sale.

J. C. WILLIAMS,
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